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TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: SALT: UK INQUIRY REGARDING U. S. NON- CIRCUMVENTION PROPOSAL

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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, UK DELEGATION CONTACTED US
MAY 17 TO CHECK TWO UK " ASSUMPTIONS" REGARDING THE U. S.
NON- CIRCUMVENTION PROPOSAL:

A) THAT THE U. S. WOULD LET THE COUNCIL KNOW " FAIRLY
EARLY" THE SOVIET REACTION TO THE U. S. NON- CIRCUMVENTION
PROPOSAL WHICH SALT DEL HAD NOW PRESUMABLY PUT FORWARD;

B) THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE AND COMMENT
ON ANY TREATY LANGUAGE BEFORE THE U. S. PROPOSED IT TO THE
SOVIETS.

2. COMMENT: UK DEL SPECIFICALLY SAID " TREATY LANGUAGE."
WE DID NOT INITIATE HAIR- SPLITTING PROBE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT
UK PRESUMABLY HAS IN MIND ANY SPECIFIC OR DETAILED FORMULATION
BASED UPON THE NON- CIRCUMVENTION CONCEPT THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
DESCRIBED TO THE COUNCIL MAY 10. END COMMENT.

3. USNATO UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THE UK INITIATIVE AND GET BACK IN
SECRET

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TOUCH WITH UK DELEGATION WHEN WE HAD A RESPONSE.
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